

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-15 and 17-20 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Coad et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,966,652. The remaining claims (4, 9-10 and 16) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over the proposed combination of Coad et al. with Bell, U.S. 202/00449073 A1. As will be discussed in detail below, applicants respectfully traverse these rejections as there are portions of the pending claims that are not taught or suggested by the references.

Claims 4-6 and 12 are herein amended, and are thus of different scope than as previously examined, as are claims 7-11 which depend from claim 5. Claim 14 is also amended, but merely to be placed in independent form, and is of exactly the same scope as previously examined. Finally, claims 1-3 and 15-20 are also of exactly the same scope as previously examined.

Claim 1 is very simple, and should provide an easy illustration of fundamental differences between the present invention and the applied references. Claim 1 has only two limitations. The first limitation is "a memory adapted to store a telephone number associated with an incoming telephone call." The second limitation is "a transmitter adapted to transmit the telephone number to another telephone." A key feature in this claim is that the transmitter transmits the telephone number to another telephone. Also, the telephone number that is transmitted is one that is associated with an incoming call to the transmitting telephone. From a reading of the specification associated with the present application, one will appreciate that a reason to transmit the telephone number to the other telephone is to enable the other telephone to place an outgoing call to the telephone number (i.e., the number associated with the incoming call to the first telephone).

The Examiner argues that Coad et al. teaches both of these limitations. Actually, what Coad teaches is that an SMS user can embed a call back number (or a plurality of call back numbers) in an SMS message, and the recipient of the SMS message can then place an outgoing call to the call back number. Coad is very clear that the call back number is embedded by the user in the text of the SMS message, and Coad teaches that this is an advance over the prior systems that required the user to put the call back number in a special field, presuming one was available.

Granted, Coad does teach transmitting a telephone number from one telephone to another, as the telephone number is embedded by the user in a text message that is transmitted from one telephone to another. However, Coad does not teach that the telephone number which is transmitted is associated with an incoming telephone call to the transmitting telephone. If anything, Coad simply teaches that a telephone user will embed her own telephone number, as a call back number, in a transmitted SMS text message. There is no suggestion, other than that in the present application, for a telephone to transmit a number associated with an incoming call to another telephone. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants further note that newly amended claim 4 further recites that the telephone number is part of Caller ID data corresponding to the incoming telephone call. Claims 5 and 12 are similarly amended to recite the receipt of Caller ID data associated with an incoming call to the other telephone. Claim 14, which previously recited similar details, is placed in independent form. Claim 17 is similar to claim 1, and is patentable because Coad does not teach means for transmitting a telephone number associated with an incoming call to another telephone.

Based on the foregoing, claims 1-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions, or issues which could be resolved by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number shown below.

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